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SUBJECT: AUSTRALIAN IMPORT RESTRICTIONS: TARIFF QUOTAS
ON IMPORTS OF UNCOATED PAPER AND PAPERBOARD

REF: CANBERRA 7415

1. EMBASSY SHOULD AT AN APPROPRIATE LEVEL INFORM THE GOA
OF OUR CONCERN ABOUT THE IMPOSITION OF TARIFF QUOTAS
REPORTED REFTEL BEFORE NOVEMBER 22 (DATE OF GATT CP
MEETING AT WHICH ISSUE MAY ALSO BE RAISED). WE CONTINUE
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TO BE CONCERNED OVER IMPACT SUCH MEASURES HAVE ON

POSSIBILITY THAT OTHER NATIONS WILL TAKE SIMILAR ACTIONS.
THIS LATEST RESTRICTION IS AN INDICATION THAT THE GOA
IS CONTINUING ITS POLICY OF ADOPTING TRADE RESTRICTIVE
MEASURES WHENEVER ITS DOMESTIC INDUSTRIES FEEL THREATENED.

2. AS A MAJOR SUPPLIER, WE ARE PARTICULARLY CONCERNED
ABOUT THE TARIFF QUOTA ON UNCOATED PAPER AND PAPERBOARD.

3. EMBASSY SHOULD SEEK CLARIFICATION CONCERNING THE
ADMINISTRATION OF THE QUOTA. REFTEL REPORTS THAT QUOTAS
ARE TO BE ALLOCATED TO IMPORTERS. ARE THERE COUNTRY
ALLOCATIONS WITHIN THE GLOBAL QUOTAS? ASSUME THAT QUOTA

IS 45 PERCENT OF FY 75 PLUS REPT. PLUS FY 76 TRADE. PLEASE
CONFIRM.

4. EMBASSY SHOULD REQUEST THAT TARIFF QUOTA NOT BE
CONTINUED BEYOND MAY 31, 1977.

5. U.S. INDUSTRY UNDERSTANDS THAT OTHER HEARINGS ARE
SCHEDULED TO INVESTIGATE WHETHER PROTECTION OF AUSTRALIAN
INDUSTRY AGAINST IMPORTS OF OTHER PAPER PRODUCTS IS
NEEDED. CONFIRMATION OF AND INFORMATION ABOUT THESE
HEARINGS WOULD BE APPRECIATED.

6. PLEASE REPORT RESULTS. KISSINGER

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